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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence  
FROM : Director of Current Intelligence  
SUBJECT : The Vice President and the PDB

1. Vice President Rockefeller has requested that he receive the PDB on a regular basis. He would like to have us deliver it each morning to his military aide at the Executive Office Building so that the aide could then take it to the Vice Presidential residence. This would enable Mr. Rockefeller to read it along with the NID while riding to his office. (See the attached memorandum for further details.)

2. We recommend that you approve this request for the following reasons:

--direct delivery of the PDB by a CIA officer does not appear to be feasible on a regular basis in view of the Vice President's evident inability to adhere to a schedule for this purpose;

--Mr. Rockefeller now is accustomed to reading his current intelligence in the car with his aide;

--delivery to the aide and retrieval via   would be consistent with the routine established for Secretary Kissinger's copy;

✓ --direct delivery of separate sensitive items by  would continue under this arrangement.

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3. Your decision:


APPROVED: /s/ W. E. Colby

11 JUL 1975

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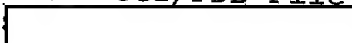
  
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Director of Current Intelligence

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July 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

FROM :

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Current Intelligence Support for the  
Vice President

1. I talked to Vice President Rockefeller's military aide, Captain Jon Howe, USN, this morning about Mr. Rockefeller's views on how we are supporting him with current intelligence. I had asked Captain Howe to raise the subject with the Vice President, and he did so during Mr. Rockefeller's just-concluded trip to Europe.

2. Howe said that during the trip Mr. Rockefeller liked the PDB format used in the intelligence brief we sent him. In response to our query, the Vice President expressed interest in getting the PDB regularly while he is in Washington. Howe said he reminded him of our desire to hand-carry the publication in order to keep it under strict control. The Vice President nevertheless wondered whether we could arrange to deliver the PDB to Howe each morning so that he could take it, along with the NID, to Mr. Rockefeller's residence. The Vice President could then read both publications in the car while riding to his office--the routine that Howe, and his predecessor, Colonel Jack Walker, established for the intelligence briefing.

3. Captain Howe emphasized that the Vice President was by no means insistent about getting the PDB in this fashion, or even about getting it at all. He was merely expressing a preference and making a suggestion. Howe said he was sure Mr. Rockefeller, whom he described as a "strong CIA booster," would in any case continue to value the NID, which he "reads religiously."

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4. According to Howe, the Vice President did not suggest that a regular appointment be made for a PDB briefing at the office with a CIA officer present. Howe's opinion, which I share, is that our earlier experience in trying to establish a regular routine on that basis indicates such an arrangement would not be feasible anyway, given the Vice President's unreliability in adhering to a schedule and the fact that upon arriving at his office he immediately is besieged by his staff regarding other matters. As Howe said, without any operational responsibility in the foreign affairs field, the Vice President would often be compelled to focus first on what, for him, is more pressing business. Moreover, Mr. Rockefeller seems comfortable with the intelligence-in-the-car routine, and Howe said he devotes full attention to the intelligence during the ride. (You will recall that the car briefing was our suggestion but that, when the Vice President began to go to his office earlier than he did originally, the timing conflicted with our briefing of the President.)

5. When I reminded Howe of the sensitive items we occasionally attach to the PDB, he expressed the opinion that they could be left out of the publication and that I could continue carrying them personally to the Vice President--as is now the case.

6. Should we agree to the Vice President's suggestion, it would be possible for me to deliver the PDB to Howe each morning at about 7:30, and to have it returned via [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, I did not mention this possibility to Howe, nor did I make any commitment to him at all beyond agreeing to convey the substance of our conversation to you.

7. With regard to other aspects of the intelligence support we provide to the Vice President, Howe said Mr. Rockefeller was well satisfied. I see Howe regularly, and we service any requests he conveys to us.

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